

# F. Dale Grubb

Indiana State Representative, District 42

## Organ Donation

Grubb works to expand program

Of all the efforts that I have been involved with since coming to the Indiana General Assembly in 1988, nothing has given me greater personal satisfaction than working on organ donor legislation.

As a result, I was very honored that the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana, Inc. recognized my efforts to expand participation in these programs during its recent annual meeting.

I have worked very hard in recent legislative sessions to pass laws that make it easier for people to donate organs. During the 2002 session, I helped pass bills that make it easier for state employees to donate organs and create a fund that helps pay for testing of organ and bone marrow donors.

Experts estimate that each person who pledges to donate could save the lives of seven people and help as many as 50 individuals in need of corneas and other organs and tissues.

The need for organ donor programs is very great. Right now, there are as many as 750 Hoosiers who are awaiting kidney, liver, heart and lung transplants, and 15 people die each day waiting for a transplant. More must be done to educate the public about the ability to help others through these programs.

Whenever a person dies, he or she takes with them organs that could help save the lives of others. By encouraging greater participation in donor programs, we can make people more aware of the gifts they can provide.



*Rep. Grubb with Melanie Wilkinson (who received a kidney from her sister) and National Kidney Foundation Board President Tim Taber, M.D.*

## Property Tax Relief

Property taxes cut, inventory tax gone



Summer, 2002

Dear Friends:

During my entire time in the General Assembly I have worked to cut property taxes and inventory taxes.

It has been done!!!! Lower and eliminated taxes are a reality. Even after reassessment, these taxes will go down.

Progress has triumphed over partisanship and we have made history. Progress not partisanship has always been my guiding principle and it prevailed for this historic event.

Court rulings had threatened to increase both property tax bills and personal property tax by over 30 percent on average. The new law will mean lower tax bills for your home and farmland. Inventory taxes will be completely gone by 2007 and personal property will drop by going back to the old form.

House Bill 1001:

- Increases the Homeowners Exemption from \$6,000 to \$35,000
- Eliminates 60 percent of School General Fund Levy through state-paid Property Tax Replacement Credit
- Increases Homestead Credit from 4 percent to 20 percent
- Establishes new 20 percent Property Tax

Replacement Credit on all individual and business real property.

I have outlined how the various tax cuts will affect you in the box below. In addition, the renter's deduction will increase by \$500 and the earned income tax credit for low wage earners was increased. Corporate gross income and supplemental net income taxes are also eliminated. Remember we were looking at an increase of 33 percent on the average tax bill from the court rulings if nothing had been done

I have always been honest with you and we all know there are no free lunches. Money didn't just appear to provide this relief. To raise the necessary funds, taxes (let's call them what they are) were raised

on gambling and cigarettes and sales tax went from 5 percent to 6 percent excluding food and drugs. These are either choice taxes or based on ability to pay, unlike the property tax on our homes, farmland and businesses. Even

with these increases, Indiana is still below most surrounding states on these items.

I am proud to see the tax relief that I have worked for in past sessions become law. I would have done a few things differently but to pass a bill requires compromise.

On a personal note I hope to see you at fairs and other events this summer. Representing you is an honor and privilege and a trust I never take lightly. I pray my actions reflect that principle.

*F. Dale Grubb*

### Tax reform

Here is a breakdown of the average property tax reduction after the passage of House Bill 1001:

	Home	Farms	Commercial	Industrial
Fountain	-21%	-20%	-17%	-14%
Parke	-16%	-12%	-21%	-21%
Vermillion	-15%	1%	-20%	-19%
Vigo	-15%	-5%	-11%	-24%
Warren	-16%	-16%	-17%	-25%

\*These are the average tax cuts vs. your last bill even with the new reassessment.

# Economic development for Indiana

How do we create more jobs for Hoosiers? We must create an environment where businesses will want to come to Indiana, and where existing companies will want to expand their operations.

House Bill 1001 addresses these concerns in several ways:

- It eliminates the unpopular inventory tax over a five-year period. Indiana is one of the few states in the country that still enacts this penalty on businesses and farmers.
- It also removes both the corporate gross income tax and the corporate supplemental net income tax. It replaces these taxes with a tax on a company's adjusted gross income.
- It allocates tax credits to companies that provide venture capital to startup firms.
- It doubles the state's research and development tax credit to 10 percent.
- It provides \$30 million for the 21st Century Research and Technology Fund for 2003 and 2004.

We also passed revenue sharing for local counties, cities and towns. On August 15, 2003, the State Treasurer must remit to the counties money that must be used for one of the following items: further reduction of the property tax levies by a city, town or county; funding for sewer and water projects; or funding for police and fire pensions. The amount received is based on population with Fountain County receiving \$113,500, Parke \$109,000, Vermillion \$106,000, Warren \$53,000 and Vigo \$669,000.

Indiana has now moved its tax policy into the 21st century, providing you with both lower taxes and a business climate competitive with other states. We have no oceans or mountains, but our central location and Hoosier values make Indiana a great place to live, expand an existing business or locate new businesses.

The impact of these changes will be felt in the years to come. Business owners will think twice about relocating to another state. Companies will find an economic profile dedicated to creating well-paying jobs. With the provisions for economic development in House Bill 1001, Indiana is back on track.

## Grubb receives American Legion award

I was honored to receive the 2002 Distinguished Public Service Award from the American Legion Department of Indiana. The award is given annually to state legislators who demonstrate distinguished and honorable service in a role as advocates for Hoosier veterans and their families.

I have worked hard on issues that assist veterans, including improvements at cemeteries, contributions to memorials, assistance for children of veterans to attend college and assistance for programs that benefit those who must rely on help through veterans' homes.

It is a humbling experience to be recognized for using the legislative process to benefit those who make the true sacrifices for our country. These people are the heroes that we all should be looking up to, and I feel that it is our responsibility to make sure their lives are made easier.



*Rep. Grubb receives the American Legion Distinguished Public Service Award from Department Commander John J. Michalski*

### American Legion of Indiana Distinguished Public Service Award

"In recognition of distinguished service as a statesman, a proven leader in the Indiana General Assembly, a proponent of classical values, and an unwavering advocate for Hoosier veterans and their families"

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